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## AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

A novel GBS toxin receptor[[,]] and methods for its preparation and use are provided. GBS toxin receptor polynucleotides and polypeptides <u>and antibodies to GBS toxin receptor</u> are provided, as well as detection, screening, and therapeutic methods and pharmaceutical compositions involving such polynucleotides, and polypeptides <u>and</u> antibodies.